



Mulligan's at the Divi Links hosts a welcoming reception for the Aruba 13th Annual International Pro-Am Golf Tournament

Participants in the Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament taking place at the Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course this weekend began arriving yesterday, and they were greeted with a cozy get together at Mulligan's Restaurant at the Divi Links course in early evening. General Manager of the Divi Properties, Alex Nieuwmeyer and Marketing Manager Tabitha Fecunda, along with representatives of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) were proud to be hosts to some top names in golf that have come to enjoy Aruba and two days of challenging play.

Oliver Riding, Head Pro of the Tierra Del Sol, and for this event not only an organizer but participant, reports that the tournament has 155 registered golfers contending in thirty-one teams consisting of four amateurs directed by one pro. Three teams are from Aruba, and one of the others will have Adam Williamson, head pro of the Divi Links, in charge.

At Thursday evening's gathering the delegations from Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Colombia, Trinidad and the U.S.A. were represented, with the teams from Holland and the Bahamas yet to arrive. This year Aruba welcomes some important golf luminaries such as "La Estrelita" (Little Star) Jesus Amaya, head pro of the Colombian team and winner of this year's Venezuelan Open. Robert Ames, brother of Stephen Ames, who is considered by Oliver to be "one of the top 30 players in the world" heads the team from Trinidad. Bryan Berryman, Head Pro of the Rookery Golf Club in Naples Florida captains the U.S. team, which counts among its members two golf-playing journalists, Katherine Dyson and Bill Giering, who will report on the event as well as participate. The three Brazilian pros, Raphael Navarro, Milton Hayashi and Dina Padua were also present to represent their country.

This illustrious gathering was treated to some excellent gourmet snacks, a warm Aruban welcome, and a stunning view of The Links that are the trademark of Mulligan's restaurant. This was the first of a flurry of events that make-up this prestigious golf tournament that will finish on Sunday, August 26 with a gala awards dinner at the Tierra Del Sol.